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## AMERICAN TROOPS LEAVE VERA CRUZ

**Carranza's Troops Move as Americans Leave the City.**

Vera Cruz, Nov. 23.—The Mexican flag is again flying over Vera Cruz. Brigadier General Funston and his command of 6,000 infantrymen and marines, which landed here on April 30 last, got under way this afternoon, and General Candido Aguilar's men assumed charge of the city. The United States Transport Cristobal, bearing the first contingent of the American brigade, left the dock at 1:50 p. m. bound for home.

The evacuation of the city was effected without any clash occurring between the Americans and the native army. The Mexicans marched in on the heels of the departing troops, but no serious disturbance of the city's peace was registered during their entrance.

General Candido Aguilar, who succeeded Brigadier General Frederick Funston today as military governor of Vera Cruz, did not mince words when, through his chief of police, Theodore Frazer, he told the residence of this city that any disturbance of the peace, whether it be picking pockets or any of the graver crimes, such as sacking, would result in the execution of the offending individuals.

The proclamation making this declaration was circulated thru the streets as General Aguilar's forces were arriving. The decree provides that all arms must be turned in to the authorities within twenty-four hours, and that failure to comply with this order will cause the shooting of the one on whose possession a gun is found.

### Residents are Relieved.

Residents of Vera Cruz who had heard of threats made by followers of General Villa and others opposed to General Carranza that they would resist the occupation of the city by Aguilar's troops, breathed more freely as the Carranza soldiers moved nearer and nearer to the center of the city.

General Carranza was quoted by representatives here as being displeased with the method used by the Americans in delivering over the city and as having criticized sharply the failure to make a formal transfer of the various departments.

General Funston established headquarters on the Cristobal at an early hour and all the organizations of his command began at daylight the work of moving out their equipment preparatory to final evacuation.

Everything progressed smoothly. Beyond the American outposts there had been mobilized during the night a force of Constitutionalists. As the Americans withdrew, first from the outlying districts, and then from the city itself, the Constitutionalists followed them and nominally occupied the territory vacated.

### Saloons Stay Closed.

The city was quiet, but the inhabitants were nervous and apprehensive concerning the outcome of this transfer of authority. All saloons in Vera Cruz remained closed today on orders of General Funston and many commercial establishments decided not to open their doors.

The government of Vera Cruz was not turned over to any faction of Mexicans. The territory was evacuated and as fast as the Americans went out Constitutionalists came in.

The American officials took with them the moneys collected for customs and from other sources of the revenue. These ultimately will go to some Mexican government which the United States deems a proper one to receive them.

## Library Association Holds Reception.

The Library Association in spite of the rain and mud had an enthusiastic reception and entertainment at the high school Wednesday night. There was about one hundred people there to listen to an interesting program of local talent, and buy of the Thanksgiving dainties that the ladies of the Association had there to sell for the benefit of the library.

An encyclopedia and about 15 volumes were donated to the Library and some twelve dollars was raised by the sales.

The program consisted of several solos, piano, violin and vocal, and a male quartette consisting of Owen Wetzel, D. Chas. Clark, Marion Wilkerson and Prof. Holloway, was the feature of the program.

## COMANCHE TO PLAY COLEMAN

**West Texas Championship to be Decided at Coleman December 5th.**

The high school foot ball game that was to have been played here with Dublin Thanksgiving was postponed on account of the weather until Saturday, November 28. This game will not close Comanche's foot ball season, as she still has to compete with Coleman for the West Texas championship December the 5th at Coleman. Comanche has only lost one game with West Texas teams and that with Brownwood, with whom she was to have played two games. By Brownwood's refusing to play the second game with Comanche she forfeited this game and left Comanche still a contender for the championship. This leaves Comanche and Coleman sole contenders for championship honors, and the game December 5th will decide between them.

Though successively defeated, the local team has made an excellent showing in high school circles. She was defeated decisively by North Fort Worth, who will prove doubtless to be the champions of Texas. But it may be said in Comanche's defense that she is the only team in West Texas who offered to contend for state honors.

She was also defeated by Brownwood when part of her team did not arrive until after the game, owing to automobile accidents. Comanche was forced to enter the game with part of her regular players missing and played every possible substitute. Brownwood's disgraceful and unsportsmanlike conduct in cancelling their subsequent game, being satisfied to take a scratch success and quit rather than carry out their contract and play the game, shows clearly that they feel they won by the merest of luck and do not feel equal to the occasion of meeting Comanche's stronger team. Comanche's two games against Tarleton, the defeats shows that she plays in the minor college class; while no other high school team in this section has ever offered to enter the college circles. She will in all probability defeat Dublin, and in the event that she does will be in line for West Texas honors to be decided at Coleman on December 5th.

### Our Honor Roll.

Mrs. I. N. Wilcox, H. C. Caffey, A. H. Beene, A. B. Foster, Dave Singleton, J. J. Hicks, J. S. Aaron, H. B. Clark, M. D. Carmichael, Bart Johnson, R. C. Frazier, J. R. Burks, J. A. Roberson, Dr. J. D. Gray, Dr. A. J. Gray, J. J. Sledge, Geo. Dingus, B. B. Dubose, M. Coleman, J. W. Newton, Roy Pope, W. F. Horner, T. Scott, J. A. Osborn, J. E. McGuire, C. W. Carnes, J. W. McCollum, Arthur Lovelace.

## COMANCHE SHIPS TRAIN OF PRODUCE

**Frisco Hauls Out Twenty-One Cars; Railroad Doing Big Business.**

Monday the Frisco hauled a solid train load, consisting of twenty-one cars of produce out of Comanche to markets of Fort Worth and points beyond. The train was made up as follows:

Nine cars cotton, two cars hogs, five cars cattle, one car horses, one car peanuts, one of corn and two of oats. All of this but the cotton brought good prices. The cotton was started on its way to Havre, France. This is the first cotton that has been sent from here to France this season. Most of the export from here before this fall being shipped to Japan.

The two cars of hogs were the ones sent by the Association, and were accompanied to the market by one of the members to look after the marketing.

Officials of the Frisco railroad say that they are breaking the record this fall in the way of hauling produce all along this section of their line. Thru September everything was very dull, but in the last month and a half business has been better than ever before. They now have three regular freights playing between Brownwood and Fort Worth, and it is crowding them to handle the business.

### Forest Fires Raging in Arkansas.

For the past week forest fires have been raging in almost every part of the state of Arkansas. In most cases the damage is so far confined to timber, fences and other unprotected improvements, but it is feared that if prompt measures are not taken to check the progress of the flames that towns and farm houses will be destroyed. Travelers from all parts of the state say that railroad lines are lined with fires and in some places tracks have been destroyed and trains have been stopped. Great damage has been done to telephone and telegraph poles and lines.

The Governor of the state said that he would call out the state militia to fight the flames, but found after investigation that he had no authority to take such action. Volunteer fire fighting parties have been organized all over the state and it is hoped that it will not be long before the situation can be handled. Reports from Little Rock say that the smoke is so dense that objects can not be seen more than a block, and many other cities are suffering inconvenience from the dense smoke.

### England and France Place Large Orders for American Goods.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Orders from Great Britain for more than \$15,000,000 worth of vehicles—automobiles, wagons, sleds, harness and equipment were brought back by Frederick S. Fish of South Bend, Ind., who has just returned from England, it was announced today. England has also contracted for 500 automobile trucks from a Kenosha, Wis., firm, while the French Government has ordered more than \$1,000,000 in automobiles from a Jackson, Mich., factory.

Another wartime order made known here today was a British order for 5,000,000 one-pound tins of corned beef.

The two thousand men laid off last spring who returned to their work in the steel mills in South Chicago brings the total men employed now up to about six thousand, and of the ten thousand who work during normal times.

### SEWING MACHINES.

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## WAR CONTINUES; NO DECISIVE ADVANTAGE

**British Battleship Blown Up; Russians and Germans Both Claim Victories.**

It was officially announced Thursday that the British battleship Bulwark had been blown up by her own magazines in the Thames river in England. Only about 12 men out of the crew of 750 were saved. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Along the lines in France there is no appreciable change. There has been very little fighting except artillery duels in the last week, and these have resulted in no decided advantage for either side. It is claimed that the French and English have a slight advantage because of the withdrawal of German troops to send to the Eastern area of the war.

Between the Russians and the Austro-German armies of the East there has been desperate fighting for the last week, but the battle remains still undecided. Both claim victories. During the early part of the week the German army penetrated far into Russia, again threatening Warsaw, but reports Thursday claim that the Germans have suffered a crushing defeat of their advance guard, and are now retreating before the victorious Russians.

London.—A dispatch from Lisbon says that the Portuguese Congress today decided that Portugal should co-operate with the allies when it considers the step necessary. The ministry of war will issue a decree for partial mobilization.

Santiago.—An official statement issued by the maritime authorities says that it has been proved that German war ships have violated the neutrality of Chile by staying for several days in the Juan Fernandez Islands, capturing two neutral ships, seizing coal and provisions and sinking the French bark Valentine, a half mile distance from the Chilean coast.

The Chilean training ship General Baquedano was sent from Valparaiso by the government to the Juan Fernandez Islands to make an investigation into the charge that the Germans have established a base of operations on the Island of Mana Fuera, one of this group.

There is considerable public feeling here and the government has decided that it will take energetic measures to preserve its neutrality.

London.—The allies have been attacked in force from Ypes to LaBassée, says a dispatch from the Daily Chronicle correspondent in Northern France. A terrific battle has commenced. The Germans have heavy reinforcements and fresh guns for this renewal of the effort to cut through the allies' line. The English artillery, however, thus far has thwarted all the German attempts.

It is reported that the French made considerable progress in the vicinity of Argonne. The Argonne battle ground is in a mighty forest and fighting has been going on there since the opening of the war. As soon as the Germans were unable to reach Paris they took up positions in the forest. Since that time there have been daily bloody engagements fought in the forest, none of them giving either side a sweeping victory.

The communique claims the French have made progress in the vicinity.

More new up-to-date dry goods and shoes at Tate Bros. store than anywhere in town, and they are sacrificing their profits in their Big Money-Raising Sale which is now on.

## Apollos Have Good Crowd at High School.

The Apollos, the third number of the Lyceum program at the high school for this season had a large crowd at the high school Tuesday night. It was very muddy and rainy and the management were very much gratified at the showing made, most of the seats being taken.

The features of the program were the saxophones and the Apollo-phone, two varieties of musical instruments seldom seen, and seen once never forgotten.

Miss Gladys Harding gave several readings that were enjoyed by all. Her interpretation of Mrs. Wiggs of the cabbage patch was good, and her small red headed boy that was out with the world for making fun of him was especially attractive.

## FIGHTING IN MEXICO CONTINUES

**Villa is Everywhere Victorious; Carranza Holds Vera Cruz.**

El Paso, Nov. 24.—The Carranza troops are moving to the assistance of their garrisons in West and East Mexico, according to an official report received today from agents here.

Villa's convention forces are being allowed to take Mexico City without argument, but it is asserted that the former first chief will soon dominate all the coast country and begin an aggressive movement into the North. It was stated officially that General Villareal and General Hay were at Puerto Mexico, embarking their forces on the gunboat Zaragosa for Tampico, which has been threatened by Villa troops from San Luis Potosi. General Obregon, with his entire army, is moving to the assistance of Guadalajara, which so far has been unsuccessfully attacked by Villa troops. The Carranza forces led by General Aguilar are depended upon to hold Vera Cruz.

Reports from Villa sources in Juarez today were to the effect that a large band of Carranza troops was defeated yesterday by Villa troops at Tlaxcala, between Puebla and Mexico City. The report said that 400 Carranzistas were killed and that the Carranza command numbered several thousand.

No report came today regarding the result of the fighting in Jalisco, where Villa troops are reported attacking Guadalajara, the metropolis of the West. Minor engagements between the convention and Carranza forces were reported in various points.

A telegram today from San Luis Potosi, where Villa's officials are in power said General Lucio Blanco, commander of Mexico City had recognized the convention party. Blanco was quoted as having reported to Provisional President Guiterrez that he had arrested General Obregon, Hay and Villareal. Villa troops today rushed repairs of the railroad to expedite their entry into the National capital.

It is said President Wilson says that he believes that affairs in Mexico will be settled before long in the interests of all the people of the country. Although fighting is going on now in almost all parts of the country, affairs are getting into the hands of the people and out of the control of self-seeking men.

The Carranza collector of customs all along the Mexican border has been ordered not to collect any more customs and to hold what funds he has on hand for the use of the Villa Government.

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## HOG RAISERS ASSN. SHIPS THREE CARS

**Social Betterment Club Organized in Connection With Other Clubs.**

The Hog Growers Association last Friday shipped three carloads of hogs to the Fort Worth markets, the average price net to the shippers was seven cents. There was another car shipped from Comanche which netted the shippers six sixty-five. One of the three shipped by the association was sent from DeLeon and the other two from Comanche.

The association has been very successful all of the season. They have never failed to get the very highest price for their shipments.

The farmers of the Briar Grove community met Monday night and organized a Rural Betterment Club. It was a very bad night and there was only about forty present; but all present were very enthusiastic, making a permanent organization and outlining the work for some time to come. They are to meet every other Friday night with a certain definite object each meeting. Next meeting the subject will be soil adaptation, and the next time corn raising. The club is also to have social features, in fact the social will be equally as important as the educational side. The boys corn and the girls canning clubs will meet with the older members and all of the organizations will work together.

Farm Demonstrator Eaton says that he hopes to help organize several similar clubs over the county. Wherever there is sufficient interest in social betterment he thinks that he will be able to work up an organization. He thinks that thru such organizations as this he can best carry out his work, because in this way all of the community will get the benefit of what each one learns from his work in connection with the County Demonstration work. Also the boys and girls clubs can work with the older people and what is gained by any one can be taught to all of the community. In connection also with the farm demonstration work, Mr. Eaton says that he is trying to get up several classes over the county in agriculture. Wherever in a community there is enough men who want to take a course in agriculture by correspondence, he will meet with them and help them to get started off. In this way they can all work together and get more out of the course and save considerable time and money. This class can work with the demonstration farmer in their community and see the theories that they are learning out into actual practice.

### Cheaper Than Rabbits.

There are few people who are prepared to believe the statement that human life, in at least one jurisdiction in Texas, is cheaper than the life of a rabbit.

In Dallas county a policeman charged with murdering a boy was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to jail for a term of one day, and was actually compelled to serve seven hours of this severe sentence before the law felt that it had been satisfied. In New Jersey a boy who killed a rabbit which was eating his mother's vegetables was convicted and sentenced to jail for 120 days. This is a calm, deliberate judicial ascertainment of the relative value of a human life as compared to that of an insignificant "cottontail" rabbit. As has been sagely observed, "law is the perfection of human reason," and its principal beauty "is the certainty thereof." Therefore, does it lie in the mouth of any man to deny that the life of a boy is precisely 119 per cent cheaper than that of a rabbit?—Austin American.



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Subscribers failing to receive their paper regularly and promptly will confer a favor upon this paper by calling our attention to same. In changing your location address be sure to give old as well as new address.

On Thursday the 19th one weigher in Comanche weighed over twenty thousand pounds of hogs, and these were sold at \$6.65 per hundred. One man sold five one-year old hogs for \$23 a head. Five hogs at that price would net a man more than five bales of cotton, if he raised the crop on his own land. It cost practically nothing to raise this bunch of pork. The man's children were not kept out of school and the family were not worked to death to get them ready for the market.

Governor-to-be Ferguson has done one thing that will make him popular with the people of this section of the country if none other, and that was the announcement that he will recommend D. H. Cunningham Jr., of this place as chief inspector state live stock sanitary commission. Mr. Ferguson shows by this action that he knows who his friends are and who to keep as his friends. No other man was more active in the interest of Mr. Ferguson than Mr. Cunningham. Nor was any man more disinterested in his loyalty. When Dave thinks a man is right and is fit for a place he is with him no matter what may come or go, and no man will have to ask him twice where he is or why he is there.

We wonder why the strike in Arkansas has not found so many ardent defenders of the poor as a similar one last year in Colorado. Probably it is because many of the strikers in Arkansas are good American born citizens, and those in Colorado were a bunch of foreign born, criminally inclined anarchists, organized and urged on by self-seeking, trouble promoters like Mother Jones, a one time resort keeper of Denver. We have the greatest sympathy for a people fighting for what is justly due them, but there is a great deal of difference between honest men asking for their rights, and selfish destructionists bent on plunder and murder. There is no more reason why the owner of a mine should have his property plundered by his employees than there is for a land owner to have his farm destroyed by his renters and hired help. Every man should have the

same chance, whether he is a rich man or poor, a farmer or a capitalist.

There are a lot of farmers in this country that are going to have to do on mighty little to eat during this winter. And there are others that are going to eat while the merchants that they owe are going to have to go mighty close to the wall to get by. Neither of these men are in an enviable position. It is almost as bad to starve as it is to know that you are helping to starve another man. The question with such men as these is, what are we going to do until our money crop gets ready for the market next fall? The answer to this question is, make the farm pay your living expenses from day to day. Make the cow do her part, and the hens do their part and the hogs theirs. When spring opens up, make the garden and the orchard furnish you with all the vegetables that you need for the time being and for the coming winter. There are lots of people that did this last year. These men have nothing troubling their consciences or their stomachs. They are selling their hogs and buying their winter supplies and paying the cash for them. They have already paid up their debts because they paid them as they were made.

The Texas Hookworm Commission is to begin their investigations again in a few days. This certainly is a propitious time for them to work. The hookworm crop is the best in years. Whether the war in Europe had driven them all out of that country and into this, or the low price of cotton has given them encouragement is hard to tell. But like the Syrian they have swept down like the wolf on the fold and the once steady sons of toil have become sons of rest and repose. It is always easier to set down on a nice soft sidewalk or stump and talk of how hard times are, and how you can no longer get goods on the credit than it is to go out and milk old Jersey till she bellows and sell the butter in Dallas by parcels post for forty cents per pound. And it is lots easier for the average citizen to sit around howling about the price of vegetables than it is to go out and scare the hens out of his own pea patch. If the hookworm could be killed out in Texas the country would bloom like a garden and we would never hear a word about hard times. But there is not much hope that the Commission will be able to get the hookworm's goat, even though he has one, because the only thing that will make a man work is necessity coupled with the contempt of his neighbor for shiftlessness.

The Governor seems to have decided that he will have to end his term in office with legislative rest. The letters to the legislators must not have produced the results desired by the Governor. It is more than likely that they are seeing the handwriting on the wall and the idea of giving the people a little peace and freedom from legislation is finding favor with them. It is to be hoped that it is anyway. The state is already crushed under the weight of worthless laws. It seems to be that every man that is sent to the state legislative halls thinks that he must have a law on the statute books or he has not filled his place. The best way that most of them can fill their places would be to avoid proposing laws like the plague. As it is they think if they want to get ahead they must clutter up the statute books with more restrictions. Usually the trusts and the liquor interests come in for their part of the bludgeoning. To

a man that has only the best interest of his people at heart it is easy to pass laws and to tell how to vote on a question. But for the man that has only the best interests of himself at heart, it is very difficult to tell what to do and how to vote, and such a man usually does a lot of experimenting trying to find out how to best serve himself. If he thinks that the trusts are the most popular he jumps on them. If he thinks that the saloons are the most unpopular he takes a crack at the demon rum. What the state is suffering for is level headed men that think first how their actions will effect their neighbor back home whose field joins his and who voted to send him there to take care of his interests.

### WITH THE EXCHANGES

We like Secretary McAdoo's optimistic talk; we hand out that line of merchandise, too. But our observation is that one 20-dollar gold certificate in a man's jeans creates more optimism than two hours of oratory, nine columns of official statements and six pages of editorial boosting combined.—Waco Times-Herald.

Seventy-four licenses have been issued by the warehouse division of the Texas department of insurance and banking to as many cotton warehouses in the state. It is evident that this warehousing proposition is not as popular as it was once supposed to be. Nevertheless, warehouses are needed and needed badly by the very men who are neglecting to take advantage of the security they offer.—Fort Worth Record.

### Public Lands Being Settled.

As an answer to the impression which seems to exist that all the public lands of any value have long ago been taken up, Secretary Lane, in an advance statement from his annual report, calls attention to the fact that since March 4, 1913, settlers have made entry on nearly 20,000,000 acres of public lands—an area equal to that of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New Jersey combined. During the same period practically as much more coal and other mineral land of the West has been examined in detail in 40-acre tracts by the Geological Survey, and most of it has been thrown open to settlement or purchase. Some of these lands, such as those which include workable deposits of phosphate or oil, are still withdrawn pending suitable legislation for their disposal or use. Another important activity in public land classification to which the Secretary calls attention is the designation of lands for entry as "enlarged" or 320-acre homesteads. Designations under this law approved by him cover 33,453,056 acres.

The extract from the Secretary's report contains a series of maps of twelve public land states showing in graphic form (1) the areas withdrawn from entry in these states between March, 1913, and July, 1914, (2) the areas restored to entry, (3) the designations under the enlarged homestead law, and (4) land taken up by settlers. Thus, for example, the map of Montana shows a total area for the state, 93,000,000 acres; land withdrawn from entry, 67,741 acres; land restored to entry after examination, 3,171,558 acres; land designated under the enlarged homestead law, 11,022,854 acres. The other states in which public land activities have been large, and which are discussed by the Secretary are Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, Arizona, California, and Nevada.

### The New President of the University of Texas.

Dr. Wm. J. Battle, elected Acting President of the University of Texas, to succeed President S. E. Mezes, resigned, was born in Raleigh, N. C., in 1870. His father before him was a university president, and his whole life has been spent in academic surroundings. His career as a student was phenomenal, having taken the A. B. degree, with honors at the University of North Carolina when 18 years of age. At 21 he had taken his master's degree at Harvard, and during the two succeeding years spent there studying for his doctor's degree, he held valuable fellowships in recognition of his brilliant record as a student.

His promotion in the academic world was rapid, passing from a tutorship in the University of Chicago in 1893 to an Associate Professorship of Greek in the Uni-

versity of Texas and a full professorship in the same institution in 1898. He has served the University as Dean of the Faculty since 1911. The present year will round out 22 years of active service in the University of Texas, continuous, except for one year spent in study abroad on a leave of absence.

### Orient Slated to Extend to Mexican Border.

Del Rio, Texas, Nov. 26.—It has been authoritatively announced here that the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad will resume construction on its line into the city at an early date. It is generally thought that actual construction will commence at once as it is necessary to complete the road to the Mexican border during the next 12 months in order that the bonuses of land and money may be collected under the original contract which calls for a complete line between Del Rio and San Angelo within a given period.

In 1912 steel was laid from a point near San Angelo to Fort Stockton, a distance of about 113; in 1913 the road was extended another 65 miles to Alpine, but no construction work has been done during 1914.

### Beet Sugar via Panama.

During the latter part of October and the first week of November several consignments of California Sugar shipped by the Anaheim Sugar Company via the Panama canal entered the New York market and was sold at ten points under the level of the refiners' prices.

While beet sugar has been sold in small quantities in New York in previous years, this is the first shipment to pass thru the Panama Canal, although Hawaiian sugar has formed the most important single item of commerce passing thru the canal since its opening.

Beet sugar regularly comes as far east as Pittsburgh and Buffalo by rail, but the opening of the canal promises to make its competition felt at the seaboard as well in future.

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### University of Texas Has Great Foot Ball Team.

So far the foot ball team of the State University has not lost a game, and the prospects are that she will finish the season undefeated. Texas has always found the other teams of the state easy, and this year has been no exception. Baylor, Rice and Southwestern went down before the Longhorns without any trouble. The hardest games that Texas has played this year have been Oklahoma and the Haskell Indians. Both of these teams she easily defeated.

After the game with the Indians Texas issued a challenge to all of the big Southern college teams for a game to be played at New Orleans, the proceeds to go to the Belgian relief fund, but she has so far received no acceptance. Several of the schools have definitely turned down the proposition and nothing is expected from the others.

Allerdyce, the head coach of the Texas teams is a Michigan man, and was at one time picked for all American honors. He has built up the best machine that Texas has ever had. Not only has she a good team at present but the prospects are even better for next year. The Simmons boys, the ones that Notre Dame could not stop last year, will be back next year, and several others that have been barred by the A. A. A. rules will be eligible for the game.

### C. W. B. M.

Meets with Mrs. M. K. Witt Dec. 1st, 3 p. m.  
Topic—The Star in the East.  
Hymn.  
Invocation.  
Bible Reading by Leader; Luke 2:8-4.  
Sentence Prayers.  
The Children of the Bible, Moses and Miriam—Mrs. J. J. Tate.  
The Child in the Midst—Mrs. R. F. Holloway.  
Hidden Answers—Mrs. Kettles.  
Benediction, Psa. 67.  
Leader—Mrs. Jim Cox.

### Remarkable Cure of Croup.

"Last winter when my little boy had croup. I got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I honestly believe it saved his life," writes Mrs. J. B. Cook, Indiana, Pa. "It cut the phlegm and relieved his coughing spells. I am most grateful for what this remedy has done for him." For sale by all dealers.

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### Teachers' Examination.

Your attention is called to the fact that the regular examination for teachers' certificates will be held at Comanche, in the high school building, the first Friday and Saturday and Thursday preceding, in December.

This examination is for both State and County Certificates. The following is the schedule:

Thursday forenoon—History of Education, Physics, Solid Geometry, English Literature.

Thursday afternoon—Psychology, Chemistry, Bookkeeping, Plane Trigonometry.

Friday forenoon—Physical Geography, Physiology, Composition, Arithmetic.

Friday afternoon—Texas History, Grammar, Descriptive Geography, Plane Geometry.

Saturday forenoon—Spelling, Writing, Methods and Management, Civics, Reading.

Saturday afternoon—United States History, General History, Agriculture, Algebra.

Persons desiring to take the examination should report for the work which will begin at eight-thirty.

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### High Price Paid for Steer Calves at San Angelo.

San Angelo, Texas, Nov. 26.—According to San Angelo stockmen a new record has been established in the price of steers per head in this section. The high water mark was reached a few days ago when C. W. Shield sold 150 steer calves to M. B. Pulliam for \$25 per head.

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## Peace Move Started in Germany.

Semi-official statements are being made by Germany to negotiate with the allied forces. The German sections of the peace societies are sending circulars to their representatives in Holland and other neutral states to initiate a peace movement.

The International "Wohlfahrt Verein" (welfare union) of Berlin has made a direct appeal to the influential Dutch newspapers by means of a printed circular explaining the wish that all neutral countries and lovers of peace work together and prepare the way for mediation overtures to be made by some neutral power, as, for instance, the United States. If this circular had been displeasing to the German censor it never would have passed the frontier.

It is considered likely that Germany itself will soon open peace negotiations. The Government sees itself seriously menaced by invasion. Germany will try to hold Belgium at all costs until the peace negotiations are opened as a pawn for obtaining favorable conditions from the allies.

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## D. H. CUNNINGHAM JR. LANDS STATE JOB

Governor-elect Gives Out Appointments; D. H. Cunningham Jr. for Live Stock Inspector.

Saturday the 21st Governor-elect Ferguson announced further the names of the men who will help him in his administration for the next two years. The most interesting to the people of this county is the announcement that he would recommend D. H. Cunningham Jr. for State Inspector Livestock Sanitary Commission. This is of interest to the people of this section of the country because of the fact that almost everyone in the county knew Mr. Cunningham and the majority had joined in endorsing him for the place. Mr. Cunningham was very active and influential in the Ferguson campaign last summer, and it was largely thru his efforts that Mr. Ferguson carried this county. The Chief Livestock Inspector will be located in Fort Worth, and will have the supervision of the inspection of livestock all over the state.

Mr. Cunningham had endorsements for this place from influential men all over the state, and almost the entire population of his own county without regard to his political affiliations joined in endorsing him for the place.

Other appointments announced are Chas. M. Cambell of Temple, Commissioner of Insurance and Banking; Henry Hutchings, Adjutant General; B. B. House, State Revenue Agent; Geo. Leavy of Greenville, State Purchasing Agent; Will Woods of Rockport, Fish, Game and Oyster Commissioner; Capt. J. A. Owens of Galveston, State Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds; Willis Johnson of San Angelo, Member of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission.

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Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the land owned or controlled by me for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, cutting timber, hauling wood, gathering pecans or destroying or damaging any kind of property, will be prosecuted to the extent of the law, and this specially intended for persons hunting with birds—J. H., Jim and C. V. Bryson.

## Notice to Trespassers.

No hunting of any kind allowed on my farm.—Mrs. L. C. Gleaton.

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## WHAT IS TO BECOME OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY?

Written for The Chief-Exponent by W. F. Murphy, Philadelphia Times Correspondent, Washington, D. C.

What has become of the Progressive party? Political Washington has been so busy discussing the effect of the recent election upon the Republican and Democratic parties that it has hardly given a thought to the party of Roosevelt.

While it failed to retain the strength of two years ago, yet it has not been eliminated. It still must be figured in the running. Behind are young men, who believe in the principles they have propagated, who are just as determined to make war on the standpatter and the standpattism of the Republican party. They will not return to the fold, because they maintain that the party has deserted them.

Out of the West the Progressive movement came, and back to the West it will go again; not to rest or die, but recuperate, to gain new strength, so that it will be ready two years hence to fight for perpetuation.

## Progressive Party Vitality.

It should not be forgotten that Hiram Johnson received 250,000 votes in California and that Raymond Robbins received 200,000 in Illinois. Johnson retains some enthusiasm for the party—logically enough for him.

The prophecy here is that whatever vitality the Progressive party has will now manifest itself in the West again, and may come under the direction of the La Follette group. The party from now on is likely to be in the hands of Johnson, the two Pinchotts of Pennsylvania; Medill McCormick, William Kent, Geo. L. Record and others.

The story of how LaFollette men came to the Roosevelt party has never been fully told. It is well known that up to February 2, 1912, LaFollette had to be given consideration as a candidate for the Republican nomination. On the night of February 2 he suffered a breakdown in the course of a speech at Philadelphia, which apparently put him out of the race. Mr. McCormick and others came out for Roosevelt on February 4.

## Colonel Roosevelt's Position.

Colonel Roosevelt was still hesitating. The elimination of LaFollette was a factor in his decision. He was due to speak Feb. 21 before the Ohio Constitutional Convention, at Columbus. The country looked to his Columbus speech for a declaration of issues.

A fortnight before the appointed date the LaFollette men came East and told Roosevelt that he was progressive enough for the east, but that he would have to go further to get the support of the west.

They urged to insert a paragraph unequivocally favoring the recall of the judges, a measure of which LaFollette had made much capital, and to which he had given much prominence in his speech delivered in Carnegie Hall, New York. Roosevelt was not inclined to do this, and he was averse to making a strong plea for the recall of judicial decisions. But the LaFollette men forced him into the strongest sort of a declaration on his subject, as the price of their support.

## Disappointed but Still Active.

It is remarkable to note that while the headquarters of the other parties are closed, the same is not true of the Progressive. It is still open, doing business, and neither is it deserted. Secretary O. K. Davis is on the job. Disappointed, relative to the showing in some states, but his disappointment does not interfere with his activity. He is alive to advantage; he is moulding and building an organization for two years hence. And he is convinced that the Republican party will be entirely out of the running after the next presidential election. He believes that Penrose and Barnes, and others like them, who emerged successfully out of the present political conflict, will go into the next convention, and dominate it the same as they have been doing for years.

Mr. Davis believes that the people will not stand for it. And he believes that history will repeat itself by destroying the party which is dominated by individual selfish despotism.

He pointed out that what the Progressive party lost in the East it made up in the South and the

West; that it obtained a strong foothold in these places, and it would come back, big and strong, at the coming election and at every election, until it became the party of the country.

## Presidential Primary Almost Impossible.

It is said here that the effort of President Wilson to secure the passage of a presidential primary law before the next session of congress adjourns appears almost impossible.

It may be enacted, placed on the statute books, but it will take more than two years to work out the details, and the Republicans, Progressives and Democrats may expect one more experience in a national convention before the voters select the party nominee direct. This will be excellent news to some, while to others it may be disappointing.

The Democrats would like to see the law in force, but they admit that the chief difficulty lies in the fact that it is impossible almost to arrange the date for the presidential primaries. In the majority of states the primaries are held on different dates, and the question has arisen whether the legislatures can change the state primary election dates before 1916. Separate state and national primaries would be mighty expensive.

The president has not yet begun work on his next message to Congress and it is doubtful whether he will mention the presidential primary question. He is expected to dwell upon the need of economy in appropriations, to urge the passage of the Philippine bill, the Alexander Ship Purchase bill, and several remaining conservative measures.

## Examination to be Held for Clerk in Postal Service.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on Dec. 12, 1914, at Comanche, on open competitive examination will be held for the position of clerk in the post office at Comanche.

Clerks in offices of the first and second classes are divided into five grades, the salaries of which are \$800, \$900, \$1,000, \$1,100, and \$1,200 per annum, respectively. Clerks at first-class offices will be promoted successively, a grade at a time, to \$1,100, and clerks at second-class offices will be promoted in the same manner to \$1,000.

Promotions will be made at the beginning of the quarter following the expiration of a year's service in the next lower grade. No promotion will be made except upon evidence satisfactory to the Post Office Department of the efficiency and faithfulness of the employee during the preceding year. Clerks of the highest grade are eligible to promotion to the higher positions in their respective offices.

Competitors will be examined in the following subjects, which will have the relative weights indicated:

1. Spelling (twenty words of average difficulty in common use) 10 points.
2. Arithmetic (simple tests in addition, subtraction, multiplication, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, common and decimal fractions, and United States money) 20 points.
3. Letter writing (a letter of not less than 125 words on some subject of general interest. Competitors may select either of two subjects given) 20 points.
4. Penmanship (the handwriting of the competitor in the subject of copying from plain copy will be considered with special reference to the elements of legibility, rapidity, neatness, general appearance, etc.) 20 points.
5. Copying from plain copy (a simple test in copying accurately a few printed lines in the competitor's handwriting) 20 points.
6. Reading addresses (test in noting with pen or pencil, on a printed sheet of addresses, differences between the printed addresses of which they are a copy) 10 points.

Applicants must have reached their eighteenth but not their forty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. The age limits are waived, however, in the case of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty. A person under 21 years of age on the day of examination will

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not be eligible for appointment as assistant postmaster.

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Married women will not be permitted to this examination. The prohibition, however, does not apply to divorced women or women who are separated from their husbands and support themselves.

For application form 1371 and "Instructions to Applicants," address Local Secretary at Comanche, Texas.

## Best Cough Medicine for Children.

"Three years ago when I was living in Pittsburg one of my children had a hard cough and coughed dreadfully. Upon the advice of a druggist I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it benefitted him at once. I find it the best cough medicine for children, because it is pleasant to take. They do not object to taking it," writes Mrs. Lafayette Tuck, Homer City, Pa. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

## Texas Rate Hearing Postponed.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 26.—The State Railroad Commission has postponed from Nov. 23 to December 1 the public hearing that is to be held on the application of the railroads of Texas for a 15 per cent horizontal increase in freight rates. It is probable that the hearing will take place at Houston instead of Austin. Both the railroads and the Railroad Commission are making extensive preparations for the case, it being the purpose of the former to attempt to show the necessity of the proposed increase.

## TEXAN IS RESTORED BY MAYR'S WONDERFUL STOMACH REMEDY

Alvarada Man Gets Appetite and Comfort Back After Taking First Dose.

T. A. Hensley of Alvarado, Texas, suffered for a long time from derangements of the digestive tract. He had colic attacks and indigestion. His liver was inactive and he was in pain after eating. He took Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy. From the very first dose it brought swift results. He wrote:

"I have taken your treatment for stomach trouble and consider it a Godsend to suffering humanity. I have been suffering from stomach trouble for a long time, such as colic attacks, bloating after eating, sick spells, indigestion, constipation and inactive liver and gall stones. Now I do not feel like the same man. I can cheerfully commend this remedy to all stomach sufferers."

Mr. Hensley's experience is typical of those of thousands who have taken Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy with such success. The first dose proves.

Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy clears the digestive tract of mucoid accretions and removes poisonous matter. It brings quick relief to sufferers from stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Many declare it has saved them from dangerous operations and many are sure it has saved their lives.

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## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

### Mountain Valley.

School opened with a fair attendance Monday noon, and we predict that it will be successfully taught by Miss Mammie Franklin.

Messrs. Hoff and Burks accompanied by their wives, were pleasant callers at the home of W. C. Lanford Sunday afternoon.

The many friends of Walter Sumner and family welcome them back to the old home, after having lived in the west for several years.

The families of Mr. Joe Hartman and Mrs. Mammie Franklin were guests at W. C. Lanford's Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Cross and Miss Julia Switzer were quietly married at the home of the bride Sunday at 4 p. m. Only a few friends of the family were present. They will make their home in Conecho county after Christmas. May they be guided by the star of peace.

### Copperas Prairie and Gap News.

Gap school met last Friday and organized a literary, and will meet every two weeks hereafter unless otherwise ordered.

W. H. Reece left Saturday for an extended visit with his son, John, at Energy.

J. H. Stuart is making preparations to move to Georgia where he and his family will make their future home. We regret to have him and his estimable family leave us, but Comanche county's loss will be Georgia's gain.

John Tidmore took a load of fat hogs to Comanche one day last week for shipment.

Several of the young people from here attended a party Saturday night at Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wilson's.

Bige Cox of Sidney was here one day last week on business.

W. F. and E. S. Vancleave made a business trip to May Saturday.

Farmers are at a loss to know how to proceed another year, as there is no market for anything, all said to be caused by the war 3,000 miles from us.

Mrs. W. W. Smith is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham of Brysonville.

Rain began to fall here Monday at 5 o'clock p. m. and is still raining. Roads are in such a condition that all travel is suspended.

### Sidney News.

Lewis Langston and family of Fort Worth are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Langston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross of Comanche visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ross Monday night.

Rev. Clark of Comanche filled his regular appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Charlie Camp left Thursday morning for Woodson where he will begin work soon.

Mrs. J. F. Redwine and little son of Comanche are here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. I. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Little gave the young people a singing Sunday evening.

The singing was well attended Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church.

Homer Brown of May visited friends (?) here Sunday afternoon.

School is progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lacy and E. H. Jones attended the Baptist convention at Abilene last week, returning home Sunday evening.

Benton Stailey of Comanche visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stailey, Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Toonie McCarty returned home Saturday evening from Corsicana where she has been attending school.

Miss Anna Stewart left for Indian Creek Saturday night where she will pick cotton.

Mr. Eula Neal visited his parents near DeLeon the latter part of last week.

J. C. Ross and family made a business trip to Comanche Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart entertained the young people with a party Friday evening.

### Baggett News.

Health of the community is very good at present.

Mr. Allen and Steadman Rambo and Doyle Church returned home

Sunday morning from Throckmorton county where they have been picking cotton.

Elmer Holden and Alfred Luker are constant visitors of Edna Hill.

Misses Burks, Atwood and King attended prayer meeting Sunday night and Miss King began her school Monday.

Miss Bessie Rambo were the guest of Dora Stephens Saturday night and Sunday.

Joe Gaines Jr. returned from the West Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rambo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kennedy.

Miss Ima Moore spent the latter part of the week with her brother in Gustine.

Misses Edna and Dora Stephens were in Dublin Monday having dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Graham were shopping in Comanche Saturday.

### Oak Valley News.

Mrs. A. B. Shettlers and little son from Mansfield are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Stubblefield.

Mrs. Lee Lambreth of near Blanket is here visiting relatives.

Carl and Roy Johnson returned from Haskell last Saturday where they have been for the past two months picking cotton.

Hill Lambreth and Silas Filips have returned from the west.

Miss Olive Johnson of Haskell is here to spend the winter with relatives.

Mrs. J. J. Howell is on Sweet Water this week.

Miss Mattie Duncan from Mercer Gap is here visiting relatives and friends.

Oscar, the little son of W. A. Robertson, got his arm badly broken a few days ago caused from falling from a horse. He is doing as well as could be expected.

Maurine Spence has been very sick but is improving slowly.

Dixie Cade has been real sick but is better.

The new school building is now complete and school will start soon.

### Rucker News.

We have been enjoying fine weather for the last few days, which people have been making use of in getting out their cotton and threshing peanuts.

A number of people who left here last fall for Brazoria county returned home again today.

School started Monday with Floyd Burnett teacher.

Some people have taken advantage of the little cold spell and killed a few hogs.

### Bryson School House.

We are having fine weather on small grain, but hard on cotton picking.

R. F. Carter and Mr. Edwards were in Comanche Tuesday to get material to fix the school house. School will begin Monday, Nov. 30, with Miss Mary Carnes as teacher.

Put a porous plaster on the chest and take a good cough syrup internally if you would treat a severe case of sore lungs properly. Get the dollar size BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. With each bottle there is a free HER-RICK'S RED PEPPER POROUS PLASTER for the chest. Sold by Paris Smith.

### For Rent

Three dwelling houses, one where J. E. Long resided immediately in the rear of Marion Wilkerson's dwelling, 5 rooms, halls, bath room and other conveniences, all new and in good condition. Another 4-room dwelling with bath room; in front of the residence of J. P. Hoff. The other the Baptist parsonage where Mr. Anthony now lives, possession given Dec. 1.

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### Bull Dogs.

I have a bunch of full blood English bull pups about a month old, for sale.—G. A. Dodson. 11-13

## RAILROADS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

The Common Carriers Ask for Relief—President Wilson Directs Attention of Public to Their Needs.

The committee of railroad executives, headed by Mr. Frank Trumbull, representing thirty-five of the leading railroad systems of the nation, recently presented to President Wilson a memorandum briefly reviewing the difficulties now confronting the railroads of the country and asking for the co-operation of the governmental authorities and the public in supporting railroad credits and recognizing an emergency which requires that the railroads be given additional revenues.

The memorandum recites that the European war has resulted in general depression of business on the American continent and in the dislocation of credits at home and abroad. With revenues decreasing and interest rates increasing the transportation systems of the country face a most serious crisis and the memorandum is a strong presentation of the candle burning at both ends and the perils that must ultimately attend such a conflagration when the flames meet is apparent to all. In their general discussion the railroad representatives say in part: "By reason of legislation and regulation by the Federal Government and the forty-eight states acting independently of each other, as well as through the action of a strong public opinion, railroad expenses in recent years have vastly increased. No criticism is here made of the general theory of governmental regulation, but on the other hand, no ingenuity can relieve the carriers of expenses created thereby."

President Wilson, in transmitting the memorandum of the railroad presidents to the public, characterizes it as "a lucid statement of plain truth." The President recognizing the emergency as extraordinary, continuing, said in part:

"You ask me to call the attention of the country to the imperative need that railway credits be sustained and the railroads helped in every possible way, whether by private co-operative effort or by the action, wherever feasible of governmental agencies and I am glad to do so because I think the need very real."

The conference was certainly a fortunate one for the nation and the President is to be congratulated for opening the gate to a new world of effort in which everyone may co-operate.

There are many important problems in our complex civilization that will yield to co-operation which will not lend themselves to arbitrary rulings of commissions and financing railroads is one of them. The man with the money is a factor that cannot be eliminated from any business transaction, and the public is an interested party that should always be consulted and happily the President has invited all to participate in the solution of our railroad problems.

## FROM THE FARM TO THE FIRESIDE

The farm-to-table delivery instituted by the Postmaster General has been established in twenty-seven cities in the United States. The institution is part of the parcel post system and the arrangement is designed to establish direct trading relations between the producer and consumer and to bring the two in direct communication.

The postmasters are acting in the capacity of clearing house managers, in furnishing price lists of the articles of produce which farmers and truck growers are prepared to send to city customers.

The results which must be obtained before the plan is proved a success are the standardizing of products so that there may be no misunderstanding the ability of the post office to handle packages so as to be received in good condition and, last but not least, an honest purpose and patient persistence of each party to the bargain to insure satisfaction to all concerned.

The growing of legumes will retard soil depletion and greatly add to its power to produce.

Education is a developing of the mind, not a stuffing of the memory. Digest what you read.

# Baxter Brothers

Sale is on for only a few more days, Monday November 30th being the last day; all prices made you during the past month are good until Monday, after that date please don't ask for sale prices on anything for every in the house was cut for the sale, so we ask that you come and get the bargain while the sale is on. We shall not attempt to give any prices in this issue as you still have the sale prices: Wishing you all a joyous Thanksgiving we are

Yours Truly,

# Baxter Brothers

## Fight Flies, Rats and Other Real Enemies.

A very interesting suggestion appears in the December American Magazine in which a writer in the department called "The Interpreter's House" discusses the war and standing armies. He suggests that we too ought to have a standing army in this country, not to fight men, but to fight flies, rats and other real enemies. He would have two years compulsory service out of every child in the country. This service would be devoted to agriculture rather than to military matters. The agricultural establishment of the United States he would have organized on as great a scale and with the same rigor as the military establishments of Germany and Russia. The different branches of the service—farming, animal husbandry, forestry, etc.—would correspond to the military branches of cavalry, infantry, artillery, etc. He goes on in part as follows:

"For instance: Word comes in to Washington over the telegraph that the grasshoppers are devastating Kansas. Instantly the whole army of Mississippi is mobilized,—railway traffic all suspended for the military schedule worked out in advance by the government and kept imminent over all the railways,—six hundred special trains rushing in the troops to strategic points in Kansas, flags flying and horns tooting; the battles; the strategy; careful calculations on the least damage instead of the greatest; tremendous flank movements and sorties—all to save property instead of destroy it,—night operations under arcs and searchlights; the final victory; analysis of the campaign by military experts; books written to prove that General Silas Perkins could have saved one more quarter section of grain at the battle of Oteha koochee by extending his lines half a mile to the north, others proving he could not justify the risk to his main positions—and so on. Why, if we would give one example of a real war, as we might in the Miami flood—or against the elm beetle or the browntail or the army worm, we would change the temper of the entire world! Think of the whole army of the Northeast drawn up on the Hackensack meadows to exterminate the aboriginal Jersey mosquito—and doing it."

Neuralgia of the face, shoulder, hands, or feet requires a powerful remedy that will penetrate the flesh. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT possesses that power. Rubbed in where the pain is felt is all that is necessary to relieve suffering and restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Paris Smith.

## How to Find a Market for Your Eggs.

In the current issue of Farm and Fireside F. Roger Miller writes an interesting article about the marketing of eggs and quotes the following response made by a practical egg producer to the question, "How would you go about finding a market for your eggs if you were just entering the business?"

"If I had no relatives, friends, or friends' friends who I could ask to place me in touch with large consumers, I would secure the names of the best produce dealers in the largest cities within a radius of 500 miles and write them for quotations on the average number of cases I could supply regularly."

"From either of these I feel reasonably sure that I would secure a satisfactory contract more than sufficient to take care of the supply from a beginners operations."

"We farmers often fail to find the best markets because of our total disregard for business methods, and failure to understand that the little details which we regard as superfluous are really important items in modern salesmanship."

Mrs. Pollan Entertains Many Friends. Mrs. E. V. Pollan entertained with "42" and "500" Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. J. Davis, complimentary to her guest, Mrs. Nat Holman of Comanche. Mrs. Wootters won high score in "42" and was presented with a bouquet of artificial flowers. Mrs. Lyle won high score in "500" and was given a souvenir fork, which she presented to the honoree.

The house was artistically decorated in yellow chrysanthemums and vines.—Stephenville Empire.

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## High School Basket Ball Team Beats DeLeon.

The Comanche high school basket ball team beat the DeLeon team last Friday by a score of 20 to 14. Both teams played a fast game, but the Comanche team had the best of the visitors in almost every department of the game. The goal throwing of the Comanche players was especially good, hardly ever missing a goal when an opportunity presented itself. Most of the Comanche players are new in the game and are just now getting in good condition, and they are likely to give any team that they may meet in the future an interesting contest.

## Despondency Due to Indigestion.

It is not at all surprising that persons who have indigestion become discouraged and despondent. Here are a few words of hope and cheer for them by Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa. "For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them, did I find the right treatment. I soon began to improve, and since taking a few bottles of them my digestion is fine." For sale by all dealers.

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# WAREHOUSES, CREDITS AND ACREAGE

**SOLUTION OF COTTON  
PROBLEM, SAYS FARM-  
ERS' UNION.**

**Diversification Urged and Coer-  
cion Opposed.**

The marketing problem of the southern farmer is attracting universal attention and the exigencies of the situation fully demonstrate the wisdom of the course pursued by the Farmers' Union in the campaign it has been carrying on for the past ten years for a better marketing system. The best time to prepare for a fire is before it occurs, for while the conflagration is raging it is too late to prevent destruction and the best that can be done is to save the furniture.

The southern farmer has just experienced a four hundred million dollar blaze in cotton values and the lurid flames as they leap skyward have illuminated the horizon of two hemispheres and have assembled the largest body of property holders, spectators and sympathizers that ever witnessed a conflagration and while the crowd is standing around we want to address them briefly from the standpoint of the owner of the property involved. We think the subject has been fully exhausted from every other line of approach.

Every calamity has its froth, and the foam and bubbles that have come to the surface in this discussion, while beautiful as a rainbow and as alluring as a mirage, are in many instances not adapted to solving the problem. Then too many cooks spoil the broth and there must be some one plan universally followed or all will fail. We want to review some of the plans now under discussion and recommend for the adoption of the Texas farmer such plans as we think practicable and feasible.

The problem before us is clearly one of warehouses, credits and acreage. They are business—not political—problems and their solution must be based on sound economic principles.

## Warehouse Bill a Farce.

The so-called relief measures passed by the last legislature are in their present form, of little value. The warehouse bill submitted to the last legislature by the Farmers' Union was thrown together with a lot of other bills on this subject and a hybrid bill prepared, apparently by parties who have no practical knowledge of the cotton industry. While we appreciate the sincerity of the motive and honesty of effort that actuated the legislature, the Farmers' Union hereby washes its hands of the whole affair. The farmers of Texas can hope for no relief from any enactments of the last session of the legislature as they now stand.

The plan of the Texas bankers to force a reduction of acreage by requiring a farmer to sign a pledge to reduce acreage before lending money on cotton no doubt has patriotic motives behind it, but in effect it is vicious. It forces the poor farmer, who must borrow money, to reduce his acreage next year, but leaves the well-to-do farmer and the large planter, who are independent of the power of the banker, to do as they please. No farmer should be coerced by business pressure of the banker to sign such a contract, for he can depend upon the large planter increasing his acreage in the same ratio that the poor farmer decreases his. Likewise, the farmer should pay no attention to agents of self-appointed agricultural administrators who call around with their sample cases filled with advice on when to sell cotton and how many acres to plant next year.

By what authority does the merchant and the banker exercise the right of eminent domain over the products of the soil?

## Acreage a World Problem.

The question of cotton acreage is not a local or state problem, for indeed it can be solved nationally. It is a world problem, for in what way would it profit the south to reduce the cotton acreage, say 10 per cent, if the foreign countries took up the

slack? No Texas farmer should be asked to pledge a reduction of acreage unless satisfactory assurance is given that the propaganda will be successfully carried on in other cotton states and countries. The Farmers' Union has been dealing with this problem for the past ten years and has placed its influence behind almost every suggestion that promised solution and out of our experience we are inclined to suggest, at the moment, that there is a peril in planting cotton by law or farming by dictation from bankers. We think planting by the moon is as good a plan as either (although we have never tried it) unless the total world acreage can be regulated by these influences.

We present statistics from the Federal Department of Agriculture dealing with the subject which give a reason why the farmer does not take eagerly to diversification. The following table gives a list of our leading staple products produced in Texas and their average value per acre during the past five years:

| Crop   | Five year average value per acre |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| Cotton | \$21.55                          |
| Oats   | 14.35                            |
| Corn   | 12.97                            |
| Wheat  | 12.76                            |

## Want Information—Not Advice.

It is information the farmer wants. If some one will fill in the figures on value of the 1915 crop per acre, the farmer will know what to do and he is ready to listen to business reasons and discussions relative to prospective price per pound of the 1915 crop based upon practical, not theoretical, conditions. If he is convinced it will be more profitable to plant other crops he will do so and if not, he will plant cotton and that is all there is to it.

The Farmers' Union stands for reduction of cotton acreage by diversification but it is difficult to induce a farmer to plant a product that will yield \$15.00 per acre so long as he can plant one that will make \$20.00. The subject of diversification always opens up a fertile field of discussion for the book farmers who hold a recipe for doubling production without an increase in the cost. It is passing strange that these magic plowmen who can make a hundred bushels of corn grow where fifty grew before are usually standing on street corners looking for jobs and how they have survived so many hair-breadth escapes from wealth, is truly marvelous. The practical farmer knows that prosperity predicated upon such a basis is a myth and the business man knows it too if he would only stop and think.

Out of the mass of suggestions now before the public the one, in our opinion, most desirable is the plan of the national bankers, headed by Festus J. Wade of St. Louis, which proposes to lend the farmer money on cotton at 6 per cent without any strings tied to it. This plan originated in Texas and proved successful and satisfactory in operation.

The problem before us involves principally organization of the farmer and co-operation of the business interests. We will have more to say on this subject at a later date.

W. D. Lewis, President, Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of Texas.

Peter Radford, National Lecturer Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of America.

A successful farmer must at least possess three virtues—honesty, energy and economy.

## THE VISION OF VICTOR HUGO

"A day will come when the only battle field will be the market open to commerce and the mind opening to new ideas. A day will come when bullets and bomb shells will be replaced by votes and by the venerable arbitration of a great sovereign senate. A day will come when a cannon will be exhibited in public museums just as an instrument of torture is now, and people will be astonished how such a thing could have been. A day will come when these two immense groups, the United States of America and the United States of Europe shall be seen placed in the presence of each other, extending the hand of fellowship across the ocean."

# DIVERSIFICATION IS UP TO THE BANKER

**MISSIONARY WORK NEEDED  
AMONG BANKERS  
AND MERCHANTS.**

**Co-Operation, Not Dictation,  
Need of Farmers.**

At a meeting of the representatives of the Texas Bankers' Association and the Farmers' Union in Dallas recently, co-operative plans were adopted whereby the men who grow the cotton and the men who finance it will renew their efforts to hold the present crop for better prices and to diversify the planting next year. Mr. W. D. Lewis, President of the Farmers' Union, who represented that body at the meeting, gave out the following interview:

"The Farmers' Union renews its entreaties to all farmers to hold cotton and recommends that the farmers who must have money avail themselves of the co-operation of the banker in securing cotton loans. The Union is sending out a large corps of lecturers to urge holding cotton and diversifying next year's crop.

## Too Much Free Advice.

"The banker in lending money is giving practical co-operation to the farmer in holding his crop after it is harvested and I want to suggest that the banker and the credit merchant extend the same character of co-operation to the farmer in producing the crop and then the problem of diversification is solved. Let the banker and the money lender announce that they will lend as much money on corn, wheat, oats and other crops as they will advance on cotton at the time of planting and we will have an era of diversification that will astonish all of us. In Texas, according to the most reliable data obtainable, at least two-thirds of the crop is mortgaged before it is planted and the farmer must take dictation from the banker and the merchant as to what he plants. There is little use to send lecturers to tell the farmer what to plant when he has no control over the crop. The banker and the merchant need lecturers sent to them as badly as the farmer and we think the lecture force should be divided equally between the city man and the farmer. We suggest it is unfair for the banker to coerce the farmer to diversify by the power of a loan. Let him agree to finance the diversified crop while in process of production. It is co-operation, not dictation, the farmer needs. Agriculture is already bed-ridden with free advice and if the city man will come back to the soil and co-operate direct with the man who plows instead of basing his action upon type-written reports of book farmers, we will understand each other better and the south will blossom like a rose."

## Statement Issued.

The following statement was issued from the joint meeting and signed by Mr. Lewis, Peter Radford and J. A. Kemp, Chairman Bankers' Committee:

"The farmers and bankers of Texas, through their representatives, being united in the determination to work and stand together in the matter of holding this year's crop and reducing the acreage of the 1915 crop at least 50 per cent, urge all who have cotton to sell none for less than 36 a pound and we urge the co-operation of all farmers, bankers and business men in this campaign, with absolute confidence that the price of 10c a pound can and will be reached in the near future."

## Remarkable Cure of Croup.

"Last winter when my little boy had croup. I got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I honestly believe it saved his life," writes Mrs. J. B. Cook, Indiana, Pa. "It cut the phlegm and relieved his coughing spells. I am most grateful for what this remedy has done for him." For sale by all dealers.

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## Road Construction in the Country.

The greatest enemies to good roads in the country districts are flood water, narrow tires and heavy traffic too soon after rains.

If the drainage of a road is not good to start with, then almost all effort to improve travel along a road or to keep it in good repair is nullified almost with every rain. Therefore, before planning expenditures for the upkeep of a highway, it is well to first look into the drainage problem. A few dollars spent in this direction at first will save many dollars later on.

Where the natural drainage is across the road, permanent culverts should be installed of ample capacity to take care of whatever water the heaviest rain will bring. These culverts should be laid well under ground and be installed as permanent fixtures. Especially in hilly districts, these should be placed so that the crown of the road will never fall less than one foot above the surface of the water in the ditches.

Some engineers advocate the high crown for country roads, but anyone who has driven an automobile or wagon will remember how difficult it is to keep the wheels from sliding toward the ditch—and every time they slide they carry with them some of the road surface, which later, will have to be painstakingly scraped back into place again. The only argument for the high crown which seems to be of any account is quick drainage, but, unless the community is prepared to spend a considerable amount of money in constant repair such a road will very quickly be in worse condition than a similar road where the drainage is possibly not so good, but which requires less constant care.

While a road which is too narrow may be said to be a constant menace to safety in travel, at the same time, a road which is wider than necessity demands, is a continual source of expense.

The best practice for the country roads indicates a road that is not more than thirty feet and not less than twenty-four feet between ditches. Such a road is easy to maintain and wide enough for any ordinary traffic.

In keeping a road in repair, the work of dragging is most important and to do this right requires through organization with men and teams assigned to different districts. Sixteen miles to a man and team seems to be the best division of labor; two rounds on a four mile trip or one round on an eight mile trip. The condition of the road itself will indicate which is best at the time.

The dragging of a road should begin as soon as possible after each rain, with the blades of the drag tilted forward, so the drag will act as a float, filling up the holes and ruts and causing the storm

water to run to the side ditches. Another dragging should be given the road when the soil gets dry, but before it gets hard. However, the operator will soon learn from local conditions and results as to the best manner of handling his section of road.

The automobile and the road drag have contributed more to arouse good road enthusiasm and to improve country roads than all other conditions or arguments. The auto demands better roads; the road drag has come to deliver the goods.

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"The money first. We don't lie any better than you do. Fork over. You'll have to trust us. We have no use for the girl once we get the cash."

"And you'll never touch a penny of it, you blackguard!" cried Norton from the doorway.

The agent turned to behold the reporter and the girl. He did not stop to ask questions, but bolted. He never got beyond the door, however.

"Always the small fry," sighed Jones. "And if I could have put my



Took Florence Aboard.

hands on the money I'd have given it to him! Ah, girl, it doesn't do any good to talk to you, does it?"

"But they told me he was dying!" Jones shrugged.

# CHAPTER XVI.

## Treachery in the Household.

The maid stole into the house, wondering if she had been seen. She wanted to be loyal to this girl, but she was tired of the life; she wanted to be her own mistress, and the small fortune offered her would put her on the way to realize her ambition. What had she not seen and been of life since she joined the great detective force! Lady's maid, cook, ship stewardess, flash woman, actress, clerk, and a dozen other employments. Her pay, until she secured some fat reward, was but twelve hundred a year; and here was five thousand in advance, with the promise of five thousand more the minute her work was done. And it was simple work, without any real harm toward Florence as far as she was concerned. The whole thing rested upon one difficulty; would Jones permit the girls to leave the house?

One day Florence found Susan sitting in a chair, her head in her hands.

"Why, Susan, what's the matter?" cried Florence.

"I don't know what is the matter, dear, but I haven't felt well for two or three days. I'm dizzy all the time, I can't read or sew or eat or sleep."

"Why didn't you tell me?" said Florence, reproachfully. She rang for the detective-maid. "Ella, I don't know anything about doctors hereabouts."

"I know a good one, Miss Florence. Shall I send for him?"

"Do; Susan is ill."

Jones was not prepared for treachery in his own household; so when he heard that a doctor had been called to attend Susan he was without the least suspicion that he had been betrayed. More than this, there had been no occasion to summon a doctor in the seven years M. Hargreave had lived here. So Jones went about his petty household affairs without more thought upon the matter. The maid had been recommended to him as one of the shrewdest young women in the detective business.

The doctor arrived. He was a real doctor; no doubt of that. He investigated Susan's condition—brought about by a subtle though not dangerous poison—and instantly recommended the seashore. Susan was not used to being confined to the house; she was essentially an out-of-doors little body. The seashore would bring her about in no time. The doctor suggested Atlantic City because of its mildness throughout the year and its nearness to New York.

"I'm afraid she'll have to go alone," said Jones, gravely.

"I shan't stir!" declared Susan. "I shan't leave my girl even if I am sick." Susan caught Florence's hand and pressed it.

"Would you like to go with her, Florence?" asked Jones, with a shy glance at the strange doctor. The shy glance was wasted. The doctor evinced no sign that it mattered one way or the other to him.

"It is nothing very serious now," he volunteered. "But it may turn out serious if it is not taken care of at once."

"What is the trouble?" inquired Jones, who was growing fond of Susan.

"Weak heart. Sunshine and good sea air will strengthen her up again. No, no!" as Jones drew forth his wallet. "I'll send in my bill the first of the month. Sunshine and sea air; that's all that's necessary. And now, good-day."

All very businesslike; not the least cause in the world for any one to

suspect that a new trap was being set by the snarers. The maid returned to the sewing room, while Florence cuddled her companion and made much of her.

Jones was suspicious, but dig in his mind as he would he could find no earthly reason for this suspicion save that this attribute was now instinctive, that it was always near the op. If Susan was ill she must be given good care; there was no getting around this fact. Later, he telephoned several prominent physicians. The strange doctor was recommended as a good ordinary practitioner and in good standing; and so Jones dismissed his suspicions as having no hook to hang them on.

His hair would have tingled at the roots, however, had he known that this same physician was one of the two who had signed the document which had accredited Florence with insanity and had all but succeeded in making a supposition a fact. Nor was Jones aware of the fact that the telephone wire had been tapped recently. So when he finally concluded to permit Florence to accompany Susan to Atlantic City he telephoned to the detective agency to send up a trusty man, who was shadowed from the moment he entered the Hargreave home till he started for the railway station. He became lost in the shuffle and was not heard from till weeks later, in Havana. The Black Hundred found a good profit in the shanghaiing business.

Susan began to pick up, as they say, the day after the arrival at Atlantic City, due, doubtless, to the cessation of the poison she had been taking unawares. The two young women began to enjoy life for the first time since they had left Miss Farlow's. They were up with the sun every day and went to bed tired but happy. No one bothered them. If some stray reporter encountered their signatures on the hotel register, he saw nothing to excite his reportorial senses. All this, of course, was due to Norton's policy of keeping the affair out of the papers.

Following Jones' orders, they made friends with none. Those about the hotel—especially the young men—when they made any advances were politely snubbed. Every night Florence would write to her good butler to report what had taken place during the day, and he was left to judge for himself if there was anything to arouse his suspicions. He, of course, believed the two were covertly guarded by the detective he had sent after them.

When Braine called up Olga he found his doctor there.

"Well, what's the news?" he asked.

"I had better run down and inquire how the young lady is progressing," said the doctor, who was really a first rate surgeon and who had performed a number of skilled operations upon various members of the Black Hundred anent their encounters with the police. "I've got Miss Florence where you want her. It's up to you now."

"She ought to be separated from her companion. We have left them alone for a whole week, so Jones will not worry particularly. A mighty curious thing has turned up. Before Hargreave's disappearance not a dozen persons could recollect what Jones looked like. He was rarely ever in sight. What do you suppose that signifies?"

"Don't ask me," shrugged the man of medicine. "I shouldn't worry over Jones."

"But we can't stir the old fool. We can't get him out of that house. I've tried to get that maid to put a little something in his coffee, but she stands off at that. She says that she did as she agreed in regard to Florence, but her agreement ended there."



"Why, Susan, What's the Matter?"

Cried Florence.

We have given the jade five thousand already and she is clamoring for the balance."

"Have you threatened her?" asked Olga.

Braine smiled a little. "My dear woman, it is fifty-fifty. While I have a hold on her, it is not quite so good as she has on me. We are not dealing with an ordinary servant we could threaten and scare. No, indeed; a shrewd little woman who desperately wanted money. And she will be paid; no getting out of it. She will not move another step, one way or the

other, after she receives the balance. Hargreave will have a pretty steep bill to pay when the time comes."

"She has no idea where the million is!"

"If she had, she's quite capable of lugging it off all by herself," said Braine.

The doctor laughed.

"Olga" went on Braine, "you must look at it as I do; that it is still in the middle of the game, and we have neither lost nor won."

"How do you know that Hargreave may not have at his beck and call an organization quite as capable if not as large as ours?" suggested the physician.

"That is not possible," Braine declared without hesitation.

"Well, it begins to look that way to me. We've never made a move yet that hasn't been blocked."

"Pure luck each time, I tell you; the devil's own luck always at the critical moment, when everything seems to be in our hands. Now, we want Florence, and we've tried a hundred ways to accomplish this fact and failed. The question is, how to get her away from her companion?"

"Simple enough," said the doctor complacently.

"Out with it, if you have an idea."

The doctor leaned forward and whispered a few words.

"Well, I'm hanged!" Braine laughed and slapped the doctor on the shoulder. "The simplest thing in the world. Mad dog wouldn't be in it. I always said that you had gray matter if you cared to exert yourself."

"Thanks," replied the doctor dryly. "I'll drop down there tomorrow, if you say so, ostensibly to see the other patient. It will make a deuce of a disturbance."

"Not if you scare the hotel people."

"That is what I propose to do. They will not want such a thing known. It would scare every one away for

the rest of the season. But of course this depends upon whether they are honest or in the hotel business to make money."

Again Braine laughed. "Bring her back to New York alone, Esculapius, and a fat check is yours. Nothing could be simpler than an idea like this. It's a fact; no man can think of everything, and you've just proved it to me. I've tried to do a general's work without aids. Olga, does any one watch me come and go any more?"

"No; I've watched a dozen nights. The man has gone. Either he found out what he wanted or he gave up the job. To my mind he found out what he wanted."

"And what's that?"

"Heaven knows!" discouragedly.

"Come, doctor, suppose you and I go down to Daly's for a little turn at billiards?"

"Nothing would suit me better."

"All aboard, then! Good-night, Olga. Keep your hair on; I mean your own hair. We're going to win out, don't you worry. In all games the minute you begin to doubt you begin to lose."

That same night Norton sat at his desk, in his shirt sleeves, pounding away at his typewriter. From time to time he paused and teetered his chair and scowled over his pipe at the starlit night outside. Bang! would go his chair again, and clickety-click would ring the keys of the machine. The story he was writing was in the ordinary routine; the arrival of a great ocean liner with some political notables who were not adverse to denouncing the present administration. You will have noticed, no doubt, that some disgruntled politician is always denouncing the present administration, it matters not if it be Republican or Democratic. When you are out of a good job you are always prone to denounce. The yarn bored Norton because his thoughts were miles southward.

He completed his story, yanked out the final sheet, called for a copy boy, rose and sauntered over to the managing editor's door, before which he paused indecisively. The "old man" had been after him lately regarding the Hargreave story, and he doubted if his errand would prove successful.

However, he boldly opened the door and walked in.

"Humph!" said the "old man," twisting his cigar into the corner of his mouth. "Got that story?"

Norton sat down. "Yes, but I have not got it for print yet. Mr. Blair,

escapes than you ever heard of. They have been after me. I've dodged falling safes; I've been shanghaied, poisoned; but I haven't said a word."

"Good Lord! Do you mean all that?"

"Every word, sir."

"I'll make it ninety days, Jim; and if this story comes in I'll see that you get a corking bonus."

"I'm not looking for bonuses. I'm proud of my work. To get this story is all I want. That'll be enough. Thanks for the extension in time. Good-night."

So Florence received a long night letter in the morning.

And the doctor arrived at about the same time. And called promptly upon his patient.

"Fine!" he said. "The sea air was just the thing. A doctor always likes to find his advice turning out well."

He glanced quizzically at Florence, who was the picture of glowing health. Suddenly he frowned anxiously.

"You need not look at me," she laughed. "I never felt better in all my life."

"Are you sure?" he asked gravely.

"Why, what in the world do you mean?"

He did not speak, but stepped forward and took her by the wrist, holding his watch in his other hand. He shook his head. He looked very solemn, indeed.

"What is it?" demanded Susan, with growing terror.

"Go to your own room immediately and remain there for the present," he ordered. "I must see Miss Hargreave alone."

He opened the door and Susan passed out bewilderedly. He returned to Florence, who was even more bewildered than her companion. The doctor began to ask her questions; how she slept, if she was thirsty, felt pains in her back. She answered all these questions vaguely. Not the slightest suspicion entered her head that she was being hoodwinked. Why should she entertain any suspicion? This doctor, who seemed kindly and benevolent, who had prescribed for Susan and benefited her, why should she doubt him?

"In heaven's name, tell me what is the matter?" she pleaded.

"Stay here for a little while and I'll be back. Under no circumstances leave your room till I return."

He paced out into the hall, to meet the frantic Susan.

"We must see the manager at once," he replied to her queries. "And we

when you gave me the Hargreave job you gave me carte blanche."

"I did," grimly. "But, on the other hand, I did not give you ten years to clear it up in."

"Have I ever fallen down on a good story?" quietly.

"M. can't remember," grudgingly.

"Well, if you'll have patience I'll not fall down on this one. It's the greatest criminal story I ever handled, but it's so big that it's going to take time."

"Gimme an outline."

"I have promised not to," with a grimness equal to the "old man's."

"If a line of this story trickles out it will mean that every other paper will be moving around, and in the end will discover enough to spoil my end of it. I'll tell you this much: The most colossal band of thieves this country ever saw is at one end of the stick. And when I say that counterfeiting and politics and millions are involved, you'll understand how big it is. This gang has city protection. We are running them all into a corner; but we want that corner so deep that none of them can wriggle out of it."

"Umhm. Go on."

"I want two months more."

The "old man" beat a tattoo with his fat pencil. "Sixty days, then. And if the yarn isn't on my desk at midnight, you—"

"Hunt for another job. All right. I came in to ask for three days' leave."

You're your own boss, Jim, for sixty days more. Whadda y' mean counterfeiting?"

"Those new tens and twenties. If I stumble on that right, why, I can turn it over without conflicting with the other story."

"Well, go to it."

"I'm turning in my regular work, day in and day out, and while doing it I've gone through more hairbreadth

must be extremely quiet about it. There must be no excitement. You had better go to your room. You must not go into Miss Hargreave's. Tell me, where have you been? Have you been trying to do any charitable work among the poorer classes?"

"Only once," admitted Susan, now on the verge of tears.

"Only once is sufficient. Come; we'll go and see the manager together."

They arrived at the desk, and the manager was summoned.

"I take it," began the doctor lowly, "that a contagious disease, if it be

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"If that's the case," said Vroom, "why hasn't he had us apprehended?"

"I am sorry, but this young lady's companion has been stricken with smallpox—"

The manager fell back against his desk, his jaw fallen. Susan turned as white as the marble top.

"The only way to avoid trouble is to have her conveyed immediately to some place where she can be treated properly. Not a word to any one now; absolute secrecy or a panic."

The manager was glad enough to agree.

"She is not dangerous at present, but it is only a matter of a few hours when the disease will become virulent. If you will place a porter before Miss Hargreave's door till I make arrangements to take her away, that will simplify matters."

Smallpox! Susan wandered aimlessly about, half out of her mind with terror. There was no help against such a dread disease. Her Florence, her pretty rosy cheeked Florence, disfigured for life . . . !

"Miss Susan, where is Florence?"

"O, Mr. Norton!" she gasped.

"What's the trouble?" instantly alert.

"Florence has the smallpox!"

"Impossible! Come with me."

But the porter, having had the strictest orders from the manager, refused to let them into Florence's room.

"Never mind, Susan. Come along." Out of earshot of the porter he said: "My room is directly above Florence's. We'll see what can be done. This smells of the Black Hundred a mile off. Smallpox! Only yesterday she wrote me that she never felt better. Have you wired Jones?"

"I never thought to!"

"Then I shall. Our old friends are at work again."

"But it's the same doctor who sent me down here."

Norton frowned.

What followed all appeared in the reporter's story, as written three months later. He and Susan went up to his room, raised the flooring, cut through the ceiling, and with the fire escape rope dropped below. One glance at Florence's tear-stained face was enough for him. Norton's subsequent battle with the doctor and his accomplices made very interesting reading. Their escape from the hotel, their flight, their encounter with one of the gang in the road, and Florence's blunder into the bed of quicksand, gave a succession of thrills to the readers of the Blade.

And all this while the million accumulated dust, layer by layer. Perhaps an occasional hardy roach scrambled over the packets, no doubt attracted by the peculiar odor of the ink.

# CHAPTER XVII.

## Setting Traps for Norton.

The Black Hundred possessed three separate council chambers, always in preparation. Hence, when the one in use was burned down they transferred their conferences to the second council chamber appointed identically the same as the first. As inferred, the organization owned considerable wealth, and they leased the buildings in which they had their council chambers.

leashed them for a number of years, and refurbished them secretly with trap floors, doors and panels and all that apparatus so necessary to men who are sometimes compelled to make a quick getaway.

When the Atlantic City attempt was turned into a fiasco by Norton's timely arrival Braine determined once more to rid himself of this meddling reporter. He knew too much, in the first place, and in the second place Braine wanted to learn whether the reporter bore a charmed life or was just ordinarily lucky. He would attempt nothing delicate, requiring finesse. He would simply waylay Nor-

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Braine laughed heartily. "Haven't you been able to see by this time what his game is? Revenge. He does not want the police to meddle only in the smaller affairs. He wants to put terror into the hearts of all of us. Keep this point in your mind when you act. He'll never summon the police unless we make a broad daylight attempt to get possession of his daughter. And even then he would make it out a plain case of kidnapping. Elimination, that's the word. All right. We'll play at that game ourselves. No. 1 shall be Mr. Norton. And if you fail I'll break you," Braine added to the ex-reporter.

"I'll get him," said the man sullenly. Later, when he applied for a situation on the Blade, it happened that there were two strikes on hand, and two or three extra men were needed on the city staff. The man from the

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## Former Comanche Boy Wins Tennis Championship.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 21.—In a contest teeming with thrills and spectacular plays Sellers Thomas defeated Herbert Sutton three out of five sets yesterday afternoon on the tennis courts of the Comus Club and won the finals and championship of the tournament.

Sutton won the South Texas championship at Houston during the past summer, while his opponent won many championship contests throughout the north. Both men were in the pink of condition when they engaged in their contest for tennis supremacy yesterday afternoon and every game proved to be a battle royal.

The mighty drives and the accurate placing of Thomas kept Sutton on the jump throughout the afternoon. Sutton retaliated by his ability to return the ball. Whenever a point was made by either man it was well earned. Nearly every conceivable kind of strokes was brought into play during the contest. The excellent back-hand strokes and smashing lobs of the contenders being of special interest to all the tennis enthusiasts who saw the games.

Thomas, by yesterday afternoon's feat, won a prize of a solid gold watch fob.

Both Sutton and Thomas will

play in the state championship meet which will be held in Waco next Summer.

Sellers Thomas is the son of S. J. Thomas, who every one in this county remembers as the editor of the Chief. Mr. Thomas and family moved away from Comanche when Sellers was quite a small boy, and his old friends will be glad to learn of his success.

## Foley's Cathartic Tablets.

Are wholesome, thoroughly cleansing and have a stimulating effect on the stomach, liver and bowels. Regulate you with no griping and no unpleasant after-effects. Stout people find they give immense relief and comfort. Anti-Bilious. The Wm. Reese Co.

## Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days.

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

85 acres of land 3 1-2 miles northeast of Comanche on Comanche and DeLeon Road; 65 acres in cultivation, balance very good pasture land; 4 room house, good barn, good well of water; within 1-2 mile of school; price \$2500.00. There is \$1265.00 against this property that can be fixed to suit purchaser. Small cash payment, balance to suit.

C. A. Hitt, Comanche, Texas.

## FINAL REPORT

Of Joskie W. Burks, County Treasurer of Comanche County, Texas, of receipts and expenditures from Nov. 2nd, 1914 to Nov. 14th 1914 inclusive:

| JURY FUND                                  |            |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance last quarter                       | \$1,140 77 |
| To amount received during quarter          | 130 84     |
| Transferred from other funds               |            |
| By amount paid out during quarter          | 402 50     |
| By per cent. commission on amount received | 2 44       |
| By per cent. commission on amount paid out | 7 04       |
| Amount to balance                          | 1,413 21   |
| Balance                                    | 1,413 21   |

| ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND                       |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Balance last quarter                       | 1,477 38 |
| To amount received during quarter          | 615 88   |
| By amount paid out during quarter          | 241 09   |
| To amount transferred to other funds       |          |
| By per cent. commission on amount received | 10 77    |
| By per cent. commission on amount paid out | 4 21     |
| Amount to balance                          | 1,837 17 |
| Balance                                    | 2,005 24 |

| GENERAL COUNTY FUND                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Balance last quarter                       | 1,085 14 |
| To amount received during quarter          | 569 66   |
| By amount transferred from other funds     |          |
| By amount paid out during quarter          | 554 14   |
| By per cent. commission on amount received | 99 70    |
| By per cent. commission on amount paid out | 9 34     |
| Amount to balance                          | 3,969 34 |
| Balance                                    | 5,976 05 |

| PAUPER FUND                                |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance last quarter                       | 572 79 |
| To amount received during quarter          | 87 96  |
| By amount transferred from other funds     |        |
| By amount paid out during quarter          | 93 60  |
| By per cent. commission on amount received | 1 53   |
| By per cent. commission on amount paid out | 1 63   |
| Amount to balance                          | 581 59 |
| Balance                                    | 639 55 |

| COURT HOUSE FUND                           |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance last quarter                       | 131 75 |
| To amount received during quarter          | 34 89  |
| By amount paid out during quarter          |        |
| By per cent. commission on amount received | 61     |
| By per cent. commission on amount paid out |        |
| Amount to balance                          | 166 64 |
| Balance                                    | 166 63 |

| JAIL FUND.                                 |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance last quarter                       | 263 17 |
| To amt. rec'd. during quarter              | 17 45  |
| By amount paid out during quarter          | 60 00  |
| By amount transferred to other funds       |        |
| By per cent. commission on amount received | 30     |
| By amount commission on amount paid out    | 1 05   |
| Amount to balance                          | 219 27 |
| Balance                                    | 280 62 |

| PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND                                |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance last quarter                                 | 120 29 |
| To amount received during quarter                    |        |
| By amt. deposited with First State Bank School Funds | 120 29 |
| By amount transferred to other funds                 |        |
| By per cent. commission on amount received           |        |
| Amount to balance                                    | 120 29 |
| Balance                                              | 120 29 |

| INTEREST FUND                                          |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Balance last quarter                                   | 90 94 |
| To amount received during quarter                      |       |
| By amount paid out during quarter                      |       |
| By deposited in Comanche First State Bank to sch Funds | 30 94 |
| By amount transferred to other funds                   |       |
| By per cent. commission on amount received             |       |
| Amount to balance                                      | 90 94 |
| Balance                                                | 90 94 |

| ROAD TAX FUND                              |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance last quarter                       | 852 34 |
| To amount received during quarter          | 30 90  |
| By amt. paid out during quarter            | 55 50  |
| By per cent. commission on amount received | 35     |
| By per cent. commission on amount paid out | 97     |
| Amount to balance                          | 815 52 |
| Balance                                    | 872 34 |

| RECAPITULATION                |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Jury fund balance             | 1,413 21 |
| Road and bridge fund, balance | 1,837 17 |
| General County Fund balance   | 3,969 34 |
| Pauper Fund, balance          | 581 59   |
| Court House Fund Balance      | 166 63   |
| Jail Fund Balance             | 219 27   |
| Road Tax Fund Balance         | 815 52   |
| Amount to balance             | 7,007 33 |
| Balance                       | 5,012 53 |

## More Poultry on the Farm.

"Less cotton and more poultry" is the slogan which the new department of poultry husbandry at the A. & M. College has adopted. That the hen on the farm is one of the best and most effective means of swatting the high cost of living is the theory of the poultry department. Prof. F. W. Kazmeier, newly elected instructor in poultry husbandry at the college has arrived and has taken charge of his work. Every student in agriculture will be required to take work in poultry breeding, feeding, management, diseases and their cure, egg production, preparation for market and marketing and other phases of the poultry industry.

The Texas farmers who manage their hens in the proper way may expect returns of from \$1.00 to \$2.75 per hen per year on an investment of practically nothing is the statement of the head of the poultry division. Striking examples of where poultry is paying, where cotton has proven itself a losing proposition are coming to light at the college each day.

## Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTEFUL CHERRY TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

## Now Well

"Thedford's Black-Draught is the best all-round medicine I ever used," writes J. A. Steelman, of Pattonville, Texas. "I suffered terribly with liver troubles, and could get no relief. The doctors said I had consumption. I could not work at all. Finally I tried

## THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

and to my surprise, I got better, and am to-day as well as any man." Thedford's Black-Draught is a general, cathartic, vegetable liver medicine, that has been regulating irregularities of the liver, stomach and bowels, for over 70 years. Get a package today. Insist on the genuine—Thedford's. E-70

## Stephenville Lumber Company's Safe Robbed.

Your combination was easy, typewritten on the clean side of a brown blotter, sticking up in the office typewriter in the Stephenville Lumber Company's office, was the nifty message left by the culprit who opened their safe last Saturday night and made away with the contents—\$57.00 in cash and a diamond valued at \$175.00.

Sheriff Jim Turnbow, who took the oath of office early this week, begins his official career on one of the toughest propositions one could imagine, in that the typewritten message is the only visible clew upon which to begin operations. His department, however, are not giving out any information about what they are doing, but are quietly seeking what evidence can be obtained, and are on the alert for further operations of the kind.

Such crimes don't go unpunished for long in Erath county, as the criminals are generally run down; and we are looking forward to a successful finish of this job by the new sheriff and his efficient deputy.—Stephenville Tribune.

## Hack! Hack! Hack!

With raw tickling throat, tight chest, sore lungs, you need Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, and quickly. The first dose helps, it leaves a soothing, healing coating as it glides down your throat, you feel better at once. Every user is a friend. The Wm. Reese Co.

## Notice to Trespassers.

A \$25.00 reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone found molesting cattle or trespassing on my feed pens near Comanche.

T. I. Collins.

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Comanche County, Greeting:

W. D. Lusk, Administrator of the estate of G. W. Jones, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said G. W. Jones, deceased, together with on application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Comanche, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the January term A. D. 1915, of the County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the City of Comanche, on the 4th day of January, 1915, when said account and application will be considered by the Court.

Witness, Mary L. Smith, Clerk of the County Court of Comanche County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Comanche, this 30th day of October, A. D. 1914.

Mary L. Smith, Clerk County Court, Comanche Co. Tex. A true copy, I certify.

Jack Cunningham, Sheriff Comanche County, Texas By J. E. Miller, Deputy. 10-12

## Normal Students Make Own Way.

A large proportion of the students of the North Texas State Normal College earned either all or a portion of the money with which they are paying their expenses. Forty-eight per cent of the freshmen class, fifty-two per cent of the sophomore class, forty per cent of the junior class, and fifty-two per cent of the senior class are wholly or partly self-supporting. A much larger proportion of the boys than of the girls have been wage earners; the statements of students showing that seventy-one per cent of all the boys enrolled, but only thirty-five per cent of all the girls enrolled are contributing to their own expenses. Thirty-one per cent of those attending the college have earned all of the money for their expenses this session. The majority have earned this money by teaching or farming. A number work for their board and lodging in the various student boarding houses and in the homes of the people of Denton. Other occupations in which various numbers have engaged are work in stores, law offices, in newspaper offices, in gins, and on railroads; work as engineers, carpenters, dairymen, and mail-carriers.

## Notice, Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Comanche,

By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Comanche County, on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1914, by the clerk thereof, in the case of J. B. Wilson, plaintiff, versus J. D. Eubanks, John T. Jay, and J. H. Magness, defendants; No. 3356, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in January, A. D. 1915, it being the fifth day of said month, before the Court House door of said Comanche County, in the city of Comanche the following described property, to-wit:

Tract No. One. One certain lot, being 50x80 feet out of block No. 12 in the town of Hasse, Comanche County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning N. 19 E. 75 feet from the S. E. corner of said block No. 12 for the S. E. corner of this; thence N. 71 W. 80 feet; thence S. 71 E. 80 feet; thence N. 19 E. 50 feet; thence S. 71 E. 80 feet; thence S. 19 W. 50 feet to the place of beginning.

Tract No. Two. All of block No. nine (9) in said town of Hasse as shown by the map of said town, and being one acre more or less out of the J. R. Stephens tract.

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Given under my hand this 21st day of November, A. D. 1914.

Jack Cunningham, Sheriff. By J. E. Miller, Deputy. 13-16

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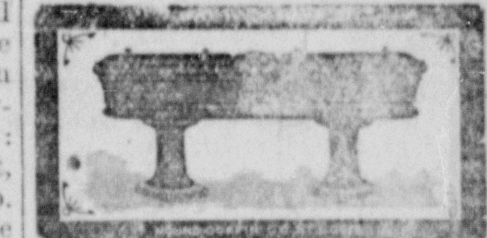
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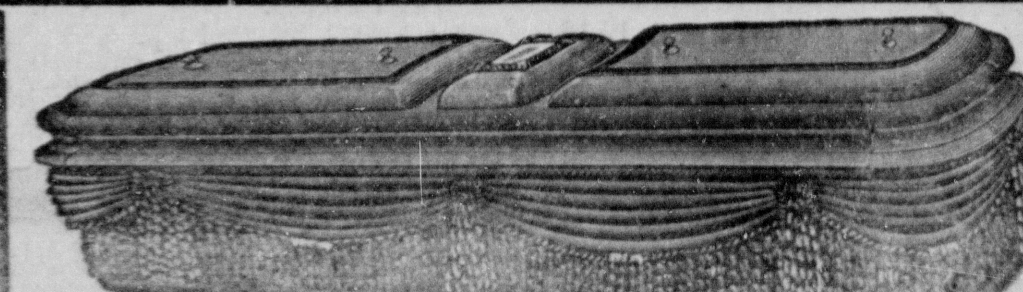
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### PERSONAL MENTION

**Dr. O. R. Houghton, Dentist,** in the Masonic building, Comanche, Texas. (advtf)

W. F. Bennett was a visitor in DeLeon Monday.

R. C. Frazier made a business trip to Whitney this week.

Miss Eunice Gates of Gorman is here the guest of friends.

Carl McDermott of Dallas is spending a few days with relatives.

Miss Clark of Stephenville is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. F. Holway.

Rector Cunningham is home after several months spent in Panhandle.

Mrs. J. B. Daniels is here from Waco guest of her sister, Mrs. Dr. J. B. Hall.

Miss Austin of Gustine was a guest of Miss May Hall during Thanksgiving.

Mrs. C. C. Clark and two daughters are home after several months spent at Toyah.

Mrs. J. D. St. Clair returned Monday from a few days with relatives in Blanket.

Mrs. Nat Holman and children are in Stephenville guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Pollan.

Mrs. Arthur Kiker and daughter, Bernice, were over from Dublin to spend Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Ory.

Phone 346 for high-class renovating and dyeing.—R. M. Barnes. 12-16

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### Thanksgiving Dance.

The young people enjoyed one of the best dances of the season Thursday night at the skating rink. In spite of the rain and impassable condition of the streets and the lack of sidewalks there was a good crowd. All of the regular dancing crowd and many of the older people came to have a little gaiety after the long day inside on account of the rain. The crowd gathered at the Majestic to hear Miss Zela Pate sing for the benefit of the K. P. Ladies, and then all repaired to the rink and danced until one-thirty the next morning.

### Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for Croup.

Croup scares you. The loud hoarse croupy cough, choking and gasping for breath, labored breathing, calls for immediate relief. The very first doses of Foley's Honey and tar compound will master the croup. It cuts the thick mucus, clears away the phlegm and opens up and eases the air passages. The Wm. Reese Co.

### Cotton to Be Shipped to Germany.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Safe shipments of cotton to Germany via Holland has been guaranteed. The following announcement was made today at the State Department:

"The Department is in receipt of advice from the American legation at The Hague that the Foreign Office of The Netherlands Government states that no difficulties will be presented to consignments of cotton in transit to Germany or to transshipments of cotton consigned to Dutch firms and that before or on arrival of shipments consigned to Dutch firms, transit permits may be obtained by them from The Netherlands Government."

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.  
FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.  
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Sold by all Druggists, 75c.  
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### Has King Cotton Been Dethroned?

Bankers—a few of them—would have the country believe the South is a beggar, a pauper crying for alms. But it is not so. The South is rich in pride, and rich in worldly wealth, and we believe the genuine Southerner resents the attempt of notoriety loving and-seeking gentlemen to place his section in the pauper class. If let alone the South will probably have no trouble solving the cotton situation without the help of celebrated financiers who are constantly effervescing with schemes to run other people's business. The South is better able today to weather the storms of rotten business and industrial conditions than was Kansas and Iowa and Illinois and the other great corn growing states of the West when farmers were burning corn for fuel because they could get nothing for it. You remember the time. It was not so long ago. And the corn-growers did not whimper, neither did they demand help from the federal government. They stood the gaff, suffered, and waded into the making of another crop with almost everything they possessed under mortgage. They won their own battle without outside aid.

The banks of the country are bursting with money. In view of this fact, it is suggested that these banks who are so anxious to do something to relieve the cotton situation open up the coffers of their own institutions for the cotton growers' relief. Only a brief while ago the buy-a-bale move-

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ment was inducing people thru-out the country to buy cotton at ten cents a pound. But a few days ago cotton was quoted at six cents. If the benevolent bankers are so anxious to do something for the South they might invest some of their lucre in building factories throughout the cotton country to use up a portion of that part of the cotton crop which has heretofore gone abroad. Cotton was once called King. Has it been dethroned? We think not, notwithstanding the bubbling efforts of our stupendous, farfamed, and self-exploiting financiers to commit the deed.—Municipal News.

Comanche Milling Co. want one thousand bushels of good, white milling corn. Remember, we can shuck, shell and grind your corn on short notice. Our mill will run every Saturday in the year for the farmers. When you want to sell your corn, see E. W. Harris, office back of The Comanche National bank.

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### Notice, Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Comanche,

By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Comanche County, on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1914, by the clerk thereof, in the case of J. B. Wilson, plaintiff, versus J. D. Eubanks, John T. Jay, and J. H. Magness, defendants; No. 3356, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in January, A. D. 1915, it being the fifth day of said month, before the Court House door of said Comanche County, in the city of Comanche the following described property, to-wit:

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## THE PATRIOTIC DOLLAR

War Revenue Tax of \$105,000,000 Levied—Beer Bears Brunt of Burden.

Congress has levied a war tax of \$105,000,000 to offset a similar amount of loss on import revenue due to the European disturbances and of this amount beer is the heaviest contributor, having been assessed approximately, \$50,000,000; a stamp tax on negotiable instruments, it is estimated, will yield \$31,000,000; a tax on the capital stock of banks of \$4,300,000, and a tax on tobacco, perfumes, theater tickets, etc., makes the remainder.

Congress has decreed that the brewer, the banker and the investor must shoulder the musket and march to the front; that mid-lady who would add to her beauty must first tip Uncle Sam, and a dollar that seeks pleasure must first salute the flag. That Pleasure and Profit—the twin heroes of many wars—shall fight the nation's battles and by an ingeniously arranged schedule of taxation Congress has shifted the war budget from the shoulders of Necessity to those of Choice and Gain, touching in its various ramifications almost every line of business.

All hail the dollar that bleeds for its country; that bares its breast to the fortunes of war and risks its life to preserve the stability and integrity of the nation's credit.

The market place has always been a favorite stand for war revenue collectors. The trader is a great financial patriot. His dollar is the first to rally around the star-spangled banner and the last to hear the coo of the dove of peace. He is called upon to buy cannon; to feed and clothe the boys in blue and each month cheer their hearts with the coin of the realm. Men can neither be free nor brave without food and ammunition, and money is as important a factor in war as blood. Many monuments have been erected in honor of heroes slain in battle, poems have been written eulogizing their noble deeds and the nation honors its soldiers while they live and places a monument upon their graves when they die, but very little has been said of the dollar that bears the burdens of war.

### Honor to the Dollar That Bears the Burdens of War.

All honor to the dollar that answers the call to arms and, when the battle is over, bandages the wounds of stricken soldiers, lays a wreath upon the graves of fallen heroes and cares for the widows and orphans.

All honor to the industries that bend their backs under the burdens of war; lift the weight from the shoulders of the poor and build a bulwark around the nation's credit.

All honor to those who contribute to the necessities and administer to the comforts of the boys who are marching; cool the fever of afflicted soldiers and kneel with the cross beside dying heroes.

A dollar may fight its competitor in business, industries may struggle for supremacy in trade and occupations may view each other with envy or suspicion, but when the bugle calls they bury strife and rally around the flag companions and friends, mess mates and chums, all fighting for one flag, one cause and one country.

The luxuries in life have always been the great burden-bearers in government. We will mention a few of them giving the annual contributions to the nation's treasury: Liquor, \$250,000,000; tobacco, \$103,000,000; sugar, \$54,000,000; silks, \$15,500,000; diamonds, \$3,837,000; millinery, \$2,479,000; furs, \$2,024,000 and automobiles \$870,000.

The real problem of the farmer is how to sell his products.

A shoat in the pen is worth a ten dollar bill in the pocket.

Old men have visions, young men have dreams. Successful farmers plow deep while sluggards sleep.

Whatever change the tenant farmer makes, it is bound to be for the better—it couldn't be for the worse.

The soil is like a man's bank account. It can soon be exhausted by withdrawing and never depositing.

## NEWS IN AND AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

Marriage Licenses—Visits of the Stork—Real Estate Transfers

Marriage Licenses Issued. C. G. Cross and Miss Julia Switzer.

A. H. Borland and Miss Lillie Cowart. M. C. Basham and Florence Houser.

### Visits of the Stork.

Born to Mr. and Mrs.: O. Armstrong, Sipe Springs, boy; R. C. Newsome, Sipe Springs, boy; Earl Morris, Sipe Springs, boy; Lige Brewer, near Lamkin, girl.

### Real Estate Transfers.

R. J. Burton et ux to Proctor Mercantile company, lots 3 and 4 in block 4, Proctor; \$750.00.

J. E. Morris to J. M. Ayers, part of block 29, Comanche; \$500.00.

J. W. Ripley to A. A. J. Huggins, 546 acres out of section 43, E. T. R. R. Co.; consideration valuable.

C. C. Eubanks et ux to C. D. Cuthbertson, 30 acres out of the J. R. Gafford survey; \$725.00.

Mrs. L. B. Miller et mar to T. M. Glasgow, 106 acres out of section 16, E. T. R. R. Co. survey; \$650.00.

Mrs. J. E. Palmer to W. G. Dingus, 18 acres out of the Ira A. Harris survey; \$2500.00.

W. H. Burton to Allen Cunningham, one-half interest in 400 acres out of the Nancy Rector survey; \$989.00.

W. L. Allen et ux to Jesse W. Taylor, 50 acres out of the James Farmer survey; \$2500.00.

Thos. W. Dunlap to G. E. Smith and G. E. Palmer, lot in Gustine out of the F. W. T. Harrison survey; \$203.00.

### JUDGE LEE YOUNG.

Jurist, Publicist, and Modest Citizen Passes Away.

Deceased had been ill for the past three years, suffering from a complication of troubles, but he maintained such an outward appearance of cheerfulness that very few realized that he would soon be called from his great field of usefulness to a new field where no doubt great rewards await him for his unselfish life while on this earth.

Last March while visiting at Dallas Mr. Young was stricken with pneumonia, and for a few days his life was in serious jeopardy. Happily, however, he recovered, and soon thereafter he and Mrs. Young went to San Antonio and Corpus Christi. While at San Antonio he was again taken seriously ill, and for three days his life hung in a balance with the brittle thread vibrating between life and death. He returned to Stephenville on July 5th, 1914, and seemed to be hopeful that he would regain health. At least he never evidenced to any one the least degree of despondence. In his talks with old friends and neighbors he often expressed a desire for a prolonged lease on life in order that he might see the full fruition of cherished plans. Yet he felt no fear of death, telling those with whom he conversed on such subjects that he felt no fear of the future—only the pain of death gave him fear. It was his desire when the great summons came that it would come in painless form, and the sequel shows that his wishes were fully gratified. It was as the touch of the breath of an angel, and all was over.

His physician left his bedside at an early hour Sunday morning, November 15, and in less than 30 minutes deceased received the final summons; and all was over. His wishes had been granted. His death was so free from pain that those who watched near him scarcely realized that he had passed away.—Stephenville Tribune.

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